MARVEL

ULTIMATE X-MEN

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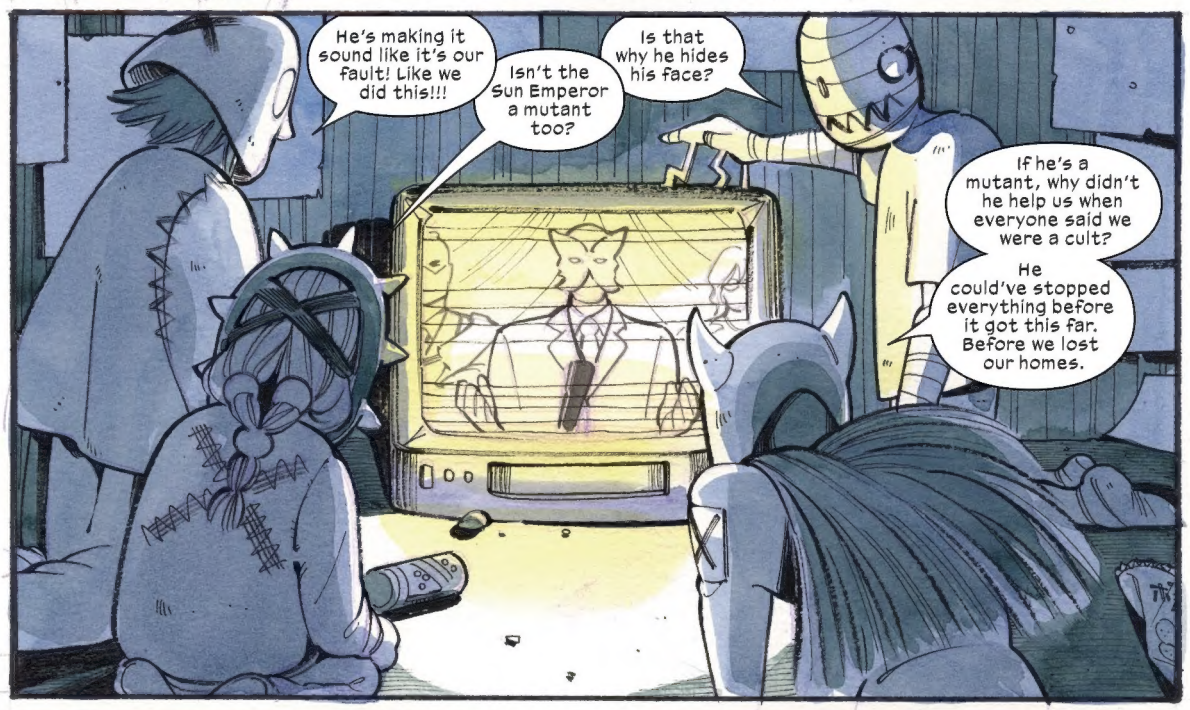
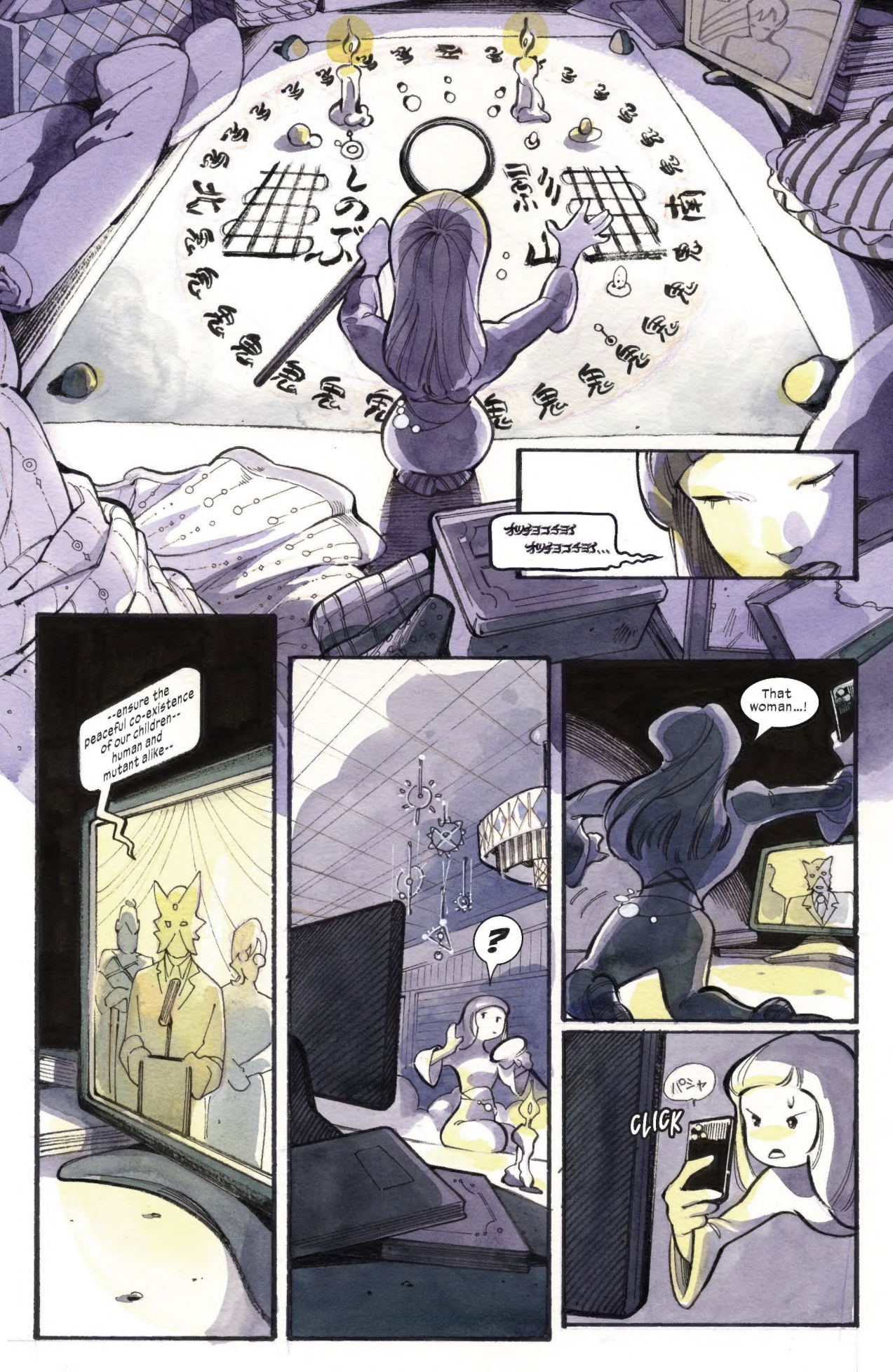
The sanctity of our glorious nation is threatened, not by an external foe, but from within. This mutant conflict puts the safety of our children's future in jeopardy.
This will not be tolerated.
To restore harmony to Hi no Kuni and ensure the peaceful co-existence of our children--human and mutant alike--we shall be instituting the Rescript on Mutants.
LIVE: Emperor Yoshida addresses nation


He's making it sound like it's our fault! Like we did this!!!
Isn't the Sun Emperor a mutant too?
Is that why he hides his face?
If he's a mutant, why didn't he help us when everyone said we were a cult?
He could've stopped everything before it got this far. Before we lost our homes.

Seeing him in his mask...
...I don't want to wear this anymore.

Yeah, me neither. I don't need to advertise I'm a mutant.
Are you guys serious?

Have you forgotten what these masks mean? They sent us these because they hate us! They want us to be monsters, so they sent us masks with monster faces.
Instead of being ashamed, we took them and made them ours! We wear them to prove that these so-called monsters--us mutants--are a part of society! That we matter!
The Sun Emperor hides in his mask. We stand up in ours!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That woman...!
--ensure the peaceful co-existence of our children-- human and mutant alike--
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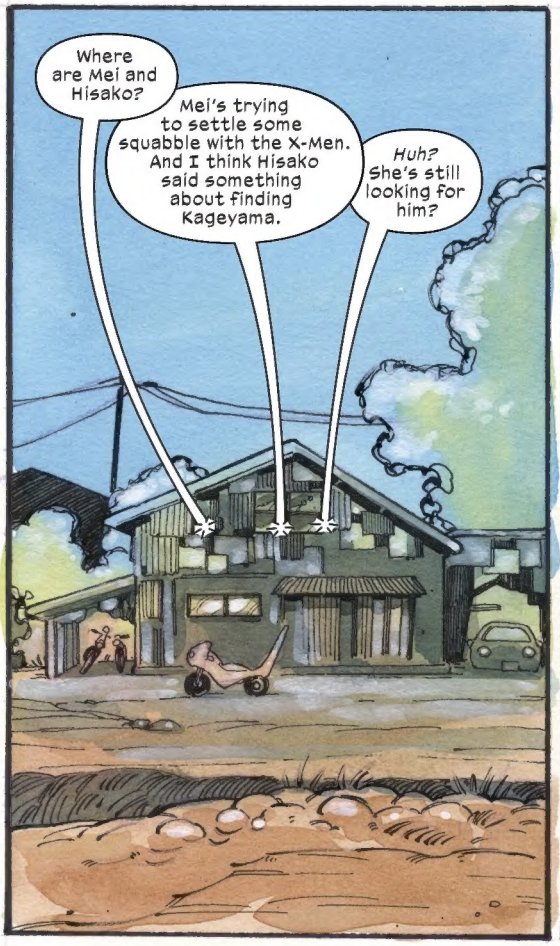
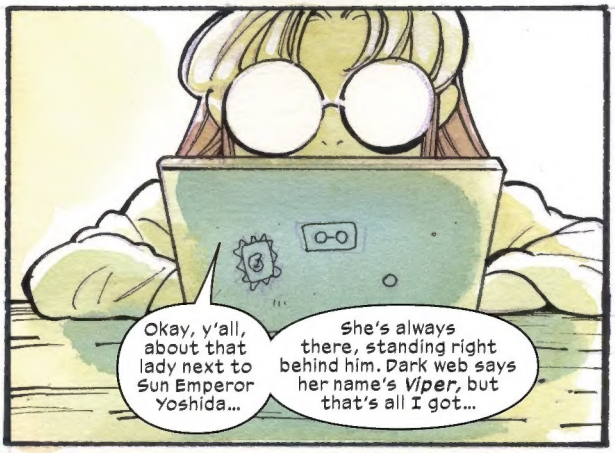
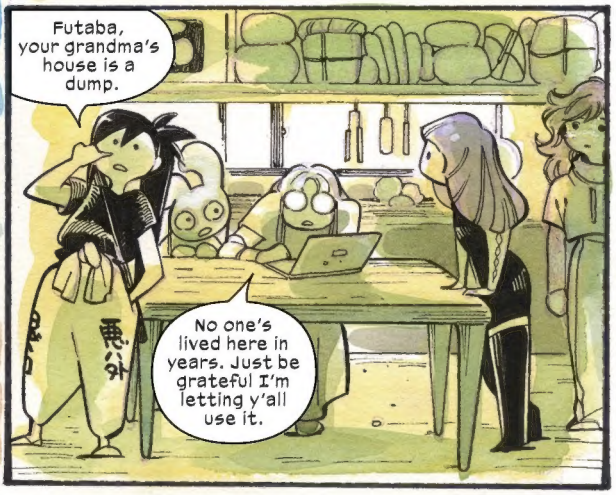
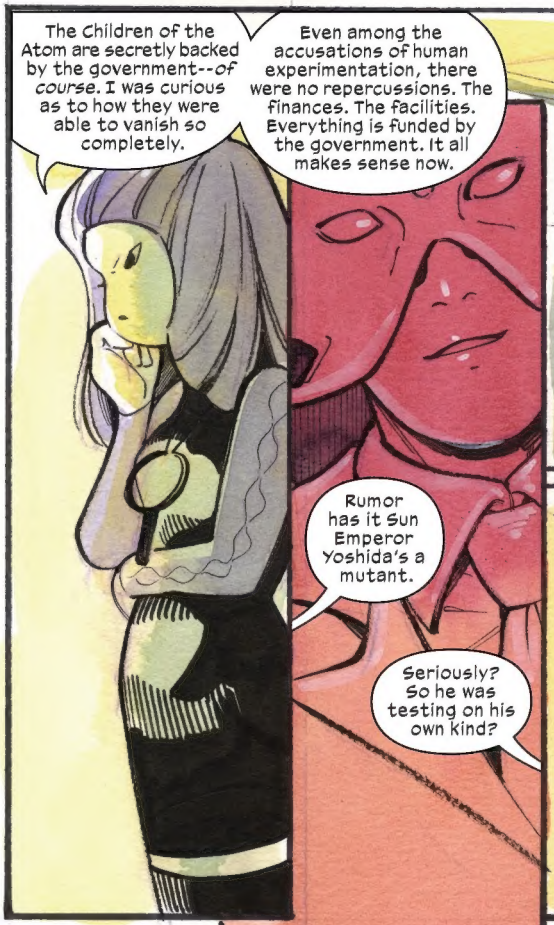
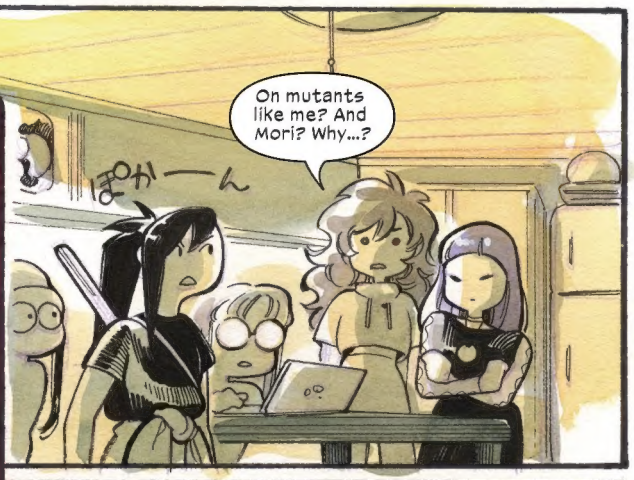
I know her...
Why do I know her...?
Wait a minute!
I must tell everyone!


Where are Mei and Hisako?
Mei's trying to settle some squabble with the X-Men. And I think Hisako said something about finding Kageyama.
Huh? She's still looking for him?


Okay, y'all, about that lady next to Sun Emperor Yoshida...
She's always there, standing right behind him. Dark web says her name's ***Viper,*** but that's all I got...


Futaba, your grandma's house is a dump.
No one's lived here in years. Just be grateful I'm letting y'all use it.


The Children of the Atom are secretly backed by the government--*of course.* I was curious as to how they were able to vanish so completely.
Even among the accusations of human experimentation, there were no repercussions. The finances. The facilities. Everything is funded by the government. It all makes sense now.
Rumor has it Sun Emperor Yoshida's a mutant.
Seriously? So he was testing on his own kind?


On mutants like me? And Mori? Why...?
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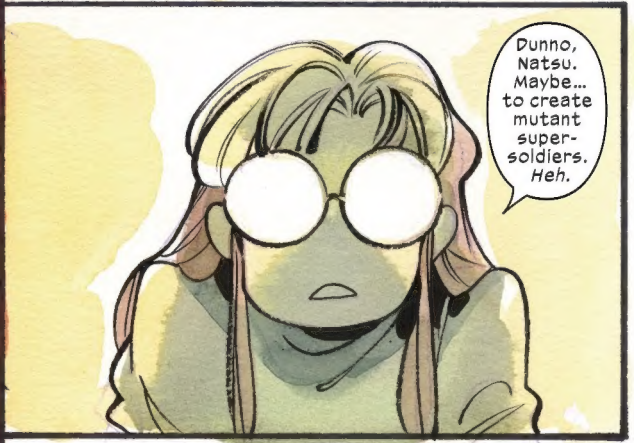
Dunno, Natsu. Maybe... to create mutant super-soldiers. *Heh.*

Mutant soldiers? And who're we supposed to fight?
I'd guess for whoever pays...
Futaba, enough. Kanon, you can't believe everything on the internet.
Damn government's selling us to make money?!
Kanon, wait! Futaba's just reading someone's post! It doesn't make it true! Where are you going?
I won't let them use me without a fight!!!
Kanon! Come baaaaack!!!
Futaba, look what you've started. You can't joke with Kanon. You of all people know what she is like!
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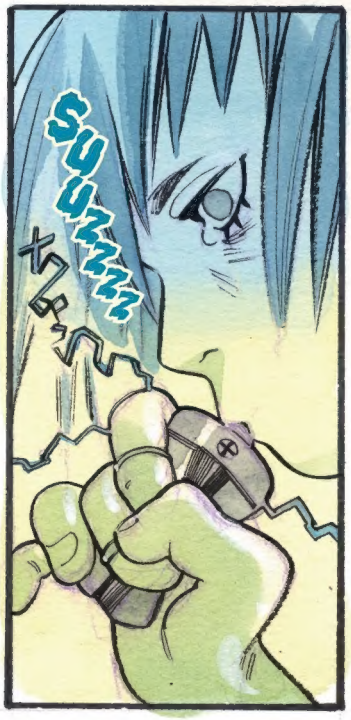
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Dude, your face is all messed up!!
He's contagious! Don't touch him!

Hey.
You playing a game?
Can I play too?
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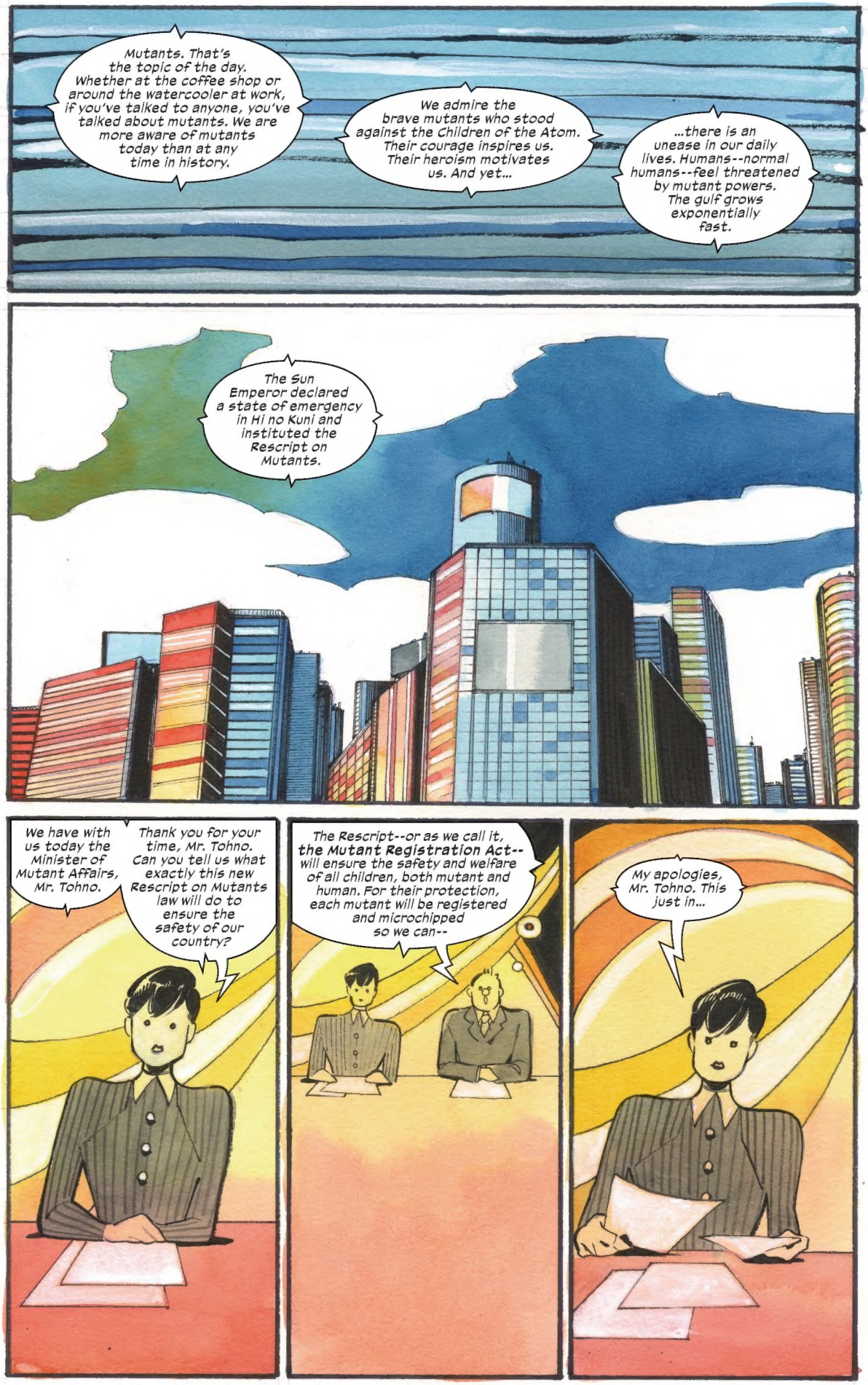
Owww!!!
Mommm!!!
Mutie!!! Monster!!!

You all right?
If someone hits you, hit them back. Don't just take it.
...Mom says fighting doesn't change anything.
It's the only thing that does.
Wanna learn?


Mutants. That's the topic of the day. Whether at the coffee shop or around the watercooler at work, if you've talked to anyone, you've talked about mutants. We are more aware of mutants today than at any time in history.
We admire the brave mutants who stood against the Children of the Atom. Their courage inspires us. Their heroism motivates us. And yet...
...there is an unease in our daily lives. Humans--normal humans--feel threatened by mutant powers. The gulf grows exponentially fast.
The Sun Emperor declared a state of emergency in Hi no Kuni and instituted the Rescript on Mutants.
We have with us today the Minister of Mutant Affairs, Mr. Tohno.
Thank you for your time, Mr. Tohno. Can you tell us what exactly this new Rescript on Mutants law will do to ensure the safety of our country?
The Rescript--or as we call it, the Mutant Registration Act-- will ensure the safety and welfare of all children, both mutant and human. For their protection, each mutant will be registered and microchipped so we can--
My apologies, Mr. Tohno. This just in...

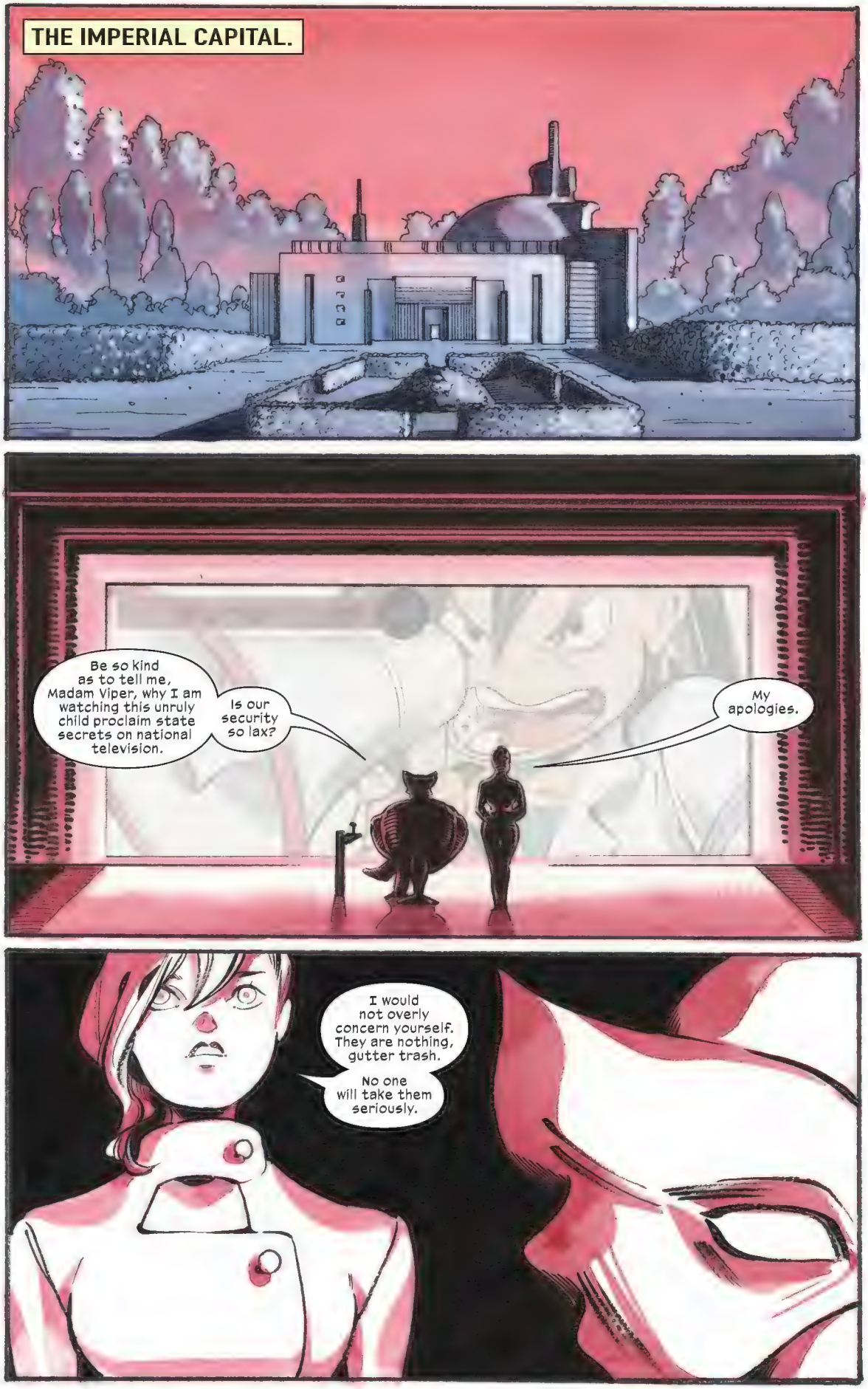
...we're getting word of another mutant protest! This time, a motorcycle gang has occupied the road!!!

You wanna talk about a *cult?* Let's talk about the ***government!*** The Sun Emperor is the ***real*** leader of the Children of the Atom!!! You don't think that's possible? Open your damn eyes!!!

We're not their guinea pigs! And you think they'll be satisfied with us? Once they've ground up the mutants, they'll come for ***you*** next!!!

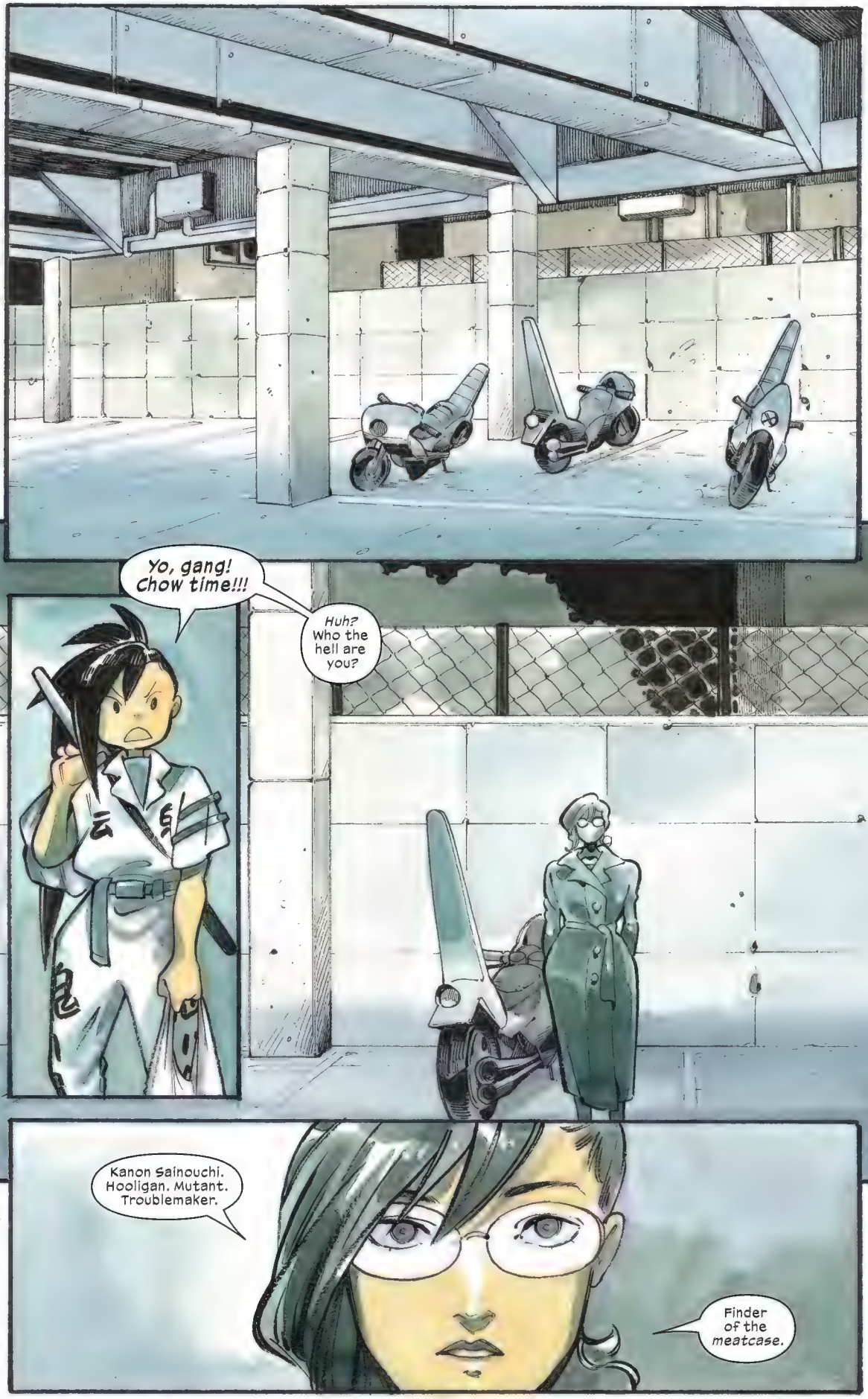
Kanon, why the hell are you on TV?

My my, is that your friend?


THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.
Be so kind as to tell me, Madam Viper, why I am watching this unruly child proclaim state secrets on national television.
Is our security so lax?
My apologies.
I would not overly concern yourself. They are nothing, gutter trash.
No one will take them seriously.

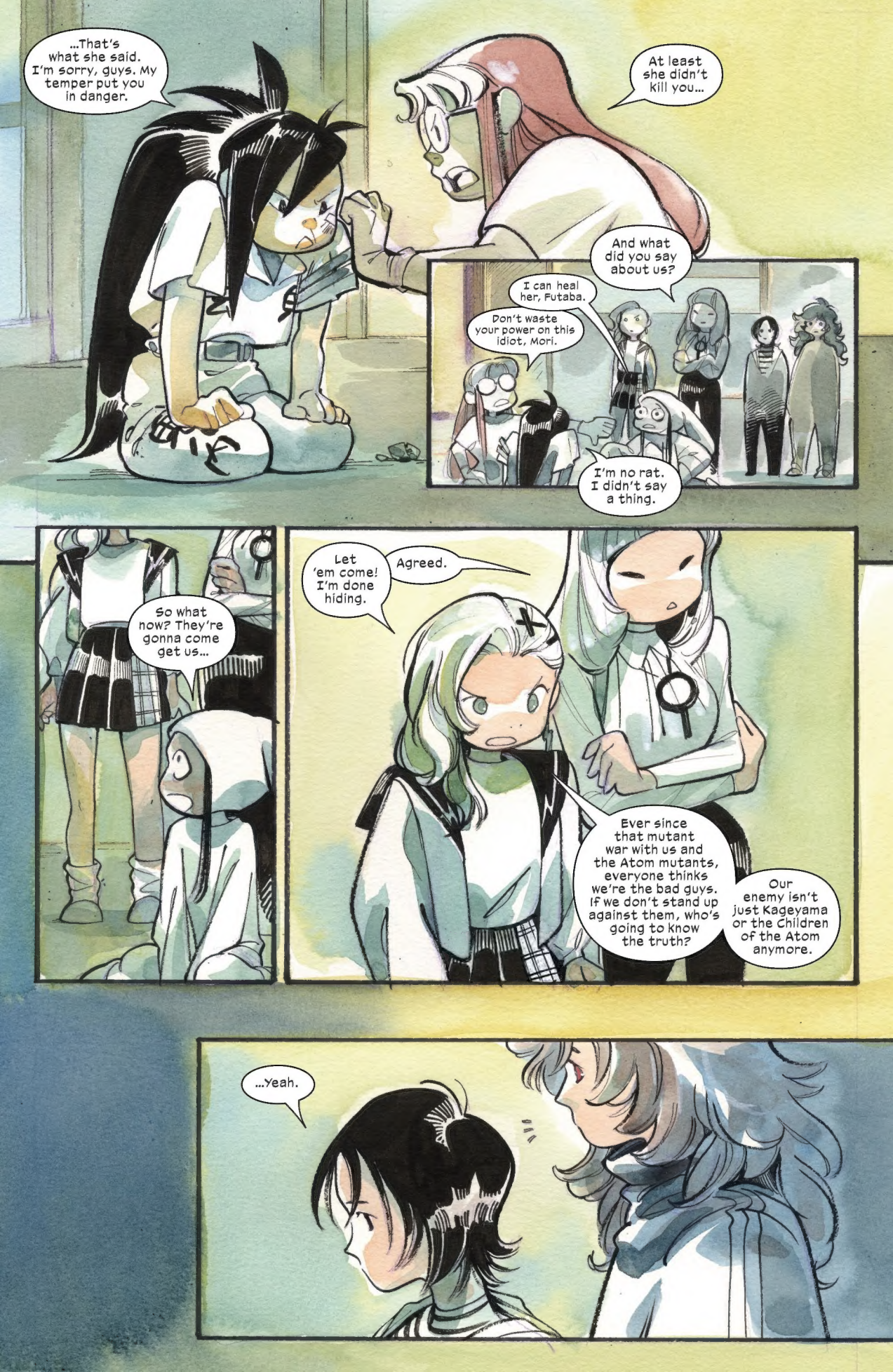
I will silence them.
No. They have drawn enough attention to themselves. We will not validate them with official action.
It does arouse my curiosity though. You swear none have seen you inside the Children of the Atom facilities.
Do you wish to revise that statement?
No. I was unobserved.
Of course. I trust you. Besides...
...should any complications arise, we have appropriate *countermeasures*...

"...my MY-X soldiers."


Yo, gang! Chow time!!!
Huh? Who the hell are you?
Kanon Sainouchi. Hooligan. Mutant. Troublemaker.
Finder of the meatcase.

How the hell do you know all that?!?!
Are you the one who hassled my brother? Made him quit his job? Sign that stupid contract?!?!
Agh?!
You made yourself easy to find. You wanted our attention? You got it.
I have strict orders to leave you alive. And yet I think you need to be taught a lesson.
SNAP
Gyeahhh!!!
That was my brother's!!!

You are society's garbage.
No one would miss you if you disappeared. It would be my pleasure to kill you all.
Be thankful I have been forbidden to do so. Yet my lord's grace is not infinite. That time may come.
...Guys!
And I know all about your other friends, the X-Men.
Stand in our way again, and we will skin your friends and wear them as fashionable jackets. Understood?


...That's what she said. I'm sorry, guys. My temper put you in danger.
At least she didn't kill you...
And what did you say about us?
I can heal her, Futaba.
Don't waste your power on this idiot, Mori.
I'm no rat. I didn't say a thing.
So what now? They're gonna come get us...
Let 'em come! I'm done hiding.
Agreed.
Ever since that mutant war with us and the Atom mutants, everyone thinks we're the bad guys. If we don't stand up against them, who's going to know the truth?
Our enemy isn't just Kageyama or the Children of the Atom anymore.
...Yeah.

Are you okay, Hisako?
I'm fine... There's just something about Kageyama that I still feel uneasy about. He was trying to tell me something... but what...?
What I know for sure is he's not done with us yet.
I felt him too. Don't worry. If he comes back, I'll protect you!!!
I'm sorry, Mei. That's impossible.
Hi-chan...

If I can't have Hisako, no one can.
I'll kill anyone who stands in my way.
Hisako.
Wait for me.
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To be continued...

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This refers to the traditional Japanese names for the months of the year. For example, October is called KANNAZUKI, the month when gods are absent, as they gather at the IZUMO SHRINE. But for the people of the Izumo region, it is the month when all the gods come there for a meeting, so they call October KAMI ARI ZUKI.

Let's go eat soba on our way home!